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Whereas, Professional football came to Indianapolis on March 28, 1984, when Colts owner Robert Irsay moved the Baltimore Colts;

Whereas, Since their arrival in Indianapolis, the Colts have had an up and down road to success;

Whereas, In 1984, the club rushed for a conference-leading 2,439 yards, the fifth best in the NFL. In 1995, the team earned a 9 - 7 record and posted playoff wins at San Diego and Kansas City, but then in 1997 and 1998 the team's record plummeted to 3 - 13;

Whereas, However, even during the bad times there were hints of the greatness to come - in 1998 running back Marshall Faulk rushed for 2,227 yards to set a club record, and quarterback Peyton Manning set NFL rookie records in every passing category;

Whereas, Head Coach Jim Mora came to the Colts in January 1998, inheriting a team that had just completed a 3 - 13 season, and began to revitalize the team;

Whereas, Mora, who had been a 26-year coaching veteran before coming to the NFL, reached a milestone in his coaching career just six games into the 1999 season with the Colts' victory over Cincinnati in October - his 100th



career victory as an NFL head coach;

Whereas, Only 26 other coaches have reached this plateau in their coaching careers;

Whereas, Coach Mora has competed against 62 different NFL head coaches during his NFL career and has defeated 50 of them at least once;

Whereas, With the addition of 1999 first-round draft pick running back Edgerrin James, Coach Mora and the Colts have added a new dimension to the running game;

Whereas, Edgerrin James has received many awards and accolades acknowledging his accomplishments during his rookie year in the NFL, including the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month and the AFC Offensive Player of the Month, making him the only player to ever win both honors in the same month of the same season;

Whereas, Edgerrin James is the first rookie to win a conference Player of the Month award since the award was established in 1988;

Whereas, James ranks first in the NFL in rushing attempts, first in the AFC and second in the NFL in rushing yards, and his seven games of rushing for more than 100 yards leads the NFL;

Whereas, Edgerrin James set a new Colts rookie record by rushing for more than 1,000 yards and ranks as the second highest seasonal rusher in club history;

Whereas, Quarterback Peyton Manning has been named AFC Offensive Player of the Week twice in his short career;

Whereas, Manning broke the 32-year-old Colts' record of Hall of Fame quarterback John Unitas by passing for 404 yards in the 27-19 victory over San Diego on September 26, 1999;

Whereas, Peyton Manning completed a touchdown pass in 27 consecutive games, the second longest streak in Colts



history, second only to John Unitas, who threw a touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games;

Whereas, On December 26, 1999, in Cleveland, Ohio, kicker Mike Vanderjagt established a club record by kicking his 24th consecutive field goal, winning the game for the Colts;

Whereas, This kick was Mike Vanderjagt's third game-winning kick of the season - all on the road;

Whereas, So far this season, Vanderjagt has scored 139 points, another club record, surpassing the 135 points of Cary Blanchard in 1996;

Whereas, The 1999 10-game one-season turnaround represents the greatest one season turnaround in NFL history;

Whereas, The Indianapolis fans and all of the NFL appreciate the talent of the Colts players evidenced by the fact that four Colts were among the AFC's most popular players in voting by the fans for the 50th Pro Bowl;

Whereas, Peyton Manning received the highest number of votes in the NFL with 124,346 votes; Edgerrin James received the third most votes with 103,802 votes; wide receiver Marvin Harrison received 91,818 votes; and kick returner Terrence Wilkins received 18,956 votes;

Whereas, Three Indianapolis Colts will be going to the 50th Pro Bowl - Peyton Manning, Edgerrin James, and Marvin Harrison;

Whereas, Not only have the Colts given many hours of exciting football to the fans of Indianapolis, Jim Irsay, the coaches, team members, and management personnel of the Colts have contributed much more to the citizens of Indianapolis in the form of hours of participation in community and charitable events; and

Whereas, The future is looking bright for Indianapolis and its Colts: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
- 2 congratulate Jim Irsay and the Indianapolis Colts on their exemplary
- 3 season and to thank them for all the entertainment and excitement they
- 4 have given all Indiana football fans this season.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Colts owner and
- 7 CEO Jim Irsay, Colts President Bill Polian, and Head Coach Jim Mora.

